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DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.131

Sir:

1. We, Zaki A. Khan, Michael D. McCannell, Koji Uno and Patrick Basile, do declare and state:

2. We are the sole inventors of pending Claims 1-4, 6-15 and 20 of the above-identified application.

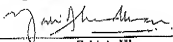
3. Prior to May 23, 2003, we completed our invention as described and claimed in the above-identified application, as evidenced by the rear vehicle seat described in attached Exhibit A, drawings, wherein:

- a. As shown in Exhibit A, we invented a seat having a pivotable seat cushion and a support leg pivotably coupled to a bottom portion of the seat cushion. The support leg automatically folds into a stowed position proximate the bottom portion of the seat cushion when the seat cushion is pivoted upwardly, and automatically unfolds into an extended position generally perpendicular to the seat cushion when the seat cushion is pivoted downwardly. The seat further includes a pivotable seatback having a moveable headrest. The seatback is positionable to the orientation of the seat cushion.

4. Exhibit A attached hereto was prepared by us or under our direct supervision. All work and associated writings were carried out in the United States.

5. Exhibit A relates to the aforementioned conception and reduction to practice, corresponding to the invention broadly disclosed and claimed in the above-identified patent application.

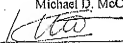
We declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under § 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.



Zaki A. Khan

5/15/2007


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Date
5/22/2007

Date



Patrick Basile

5/16/2007

Date

EXECUTION OF DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 BY ASSIGNEE

(MPEP § 715.04)

1. Honda Motor Co., Ltd. ("Honda") is the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in the above-captioned patent application, as evidenced by the assignment recorded at reel 015129, frame 0217 at the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

2. Inventor Michael D. McCannell is no longer employed by Honda and is unavailable to execute the above declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131. In the alternative, the undersigned hereby signs this declaration on behalf of Honda in accordance with MPEP § 715.04(I)(D).

I hereby declare that I am authorized to sign a declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 on behalf of Honda. I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under § 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.


Signature

Senior Managing and Representative Director

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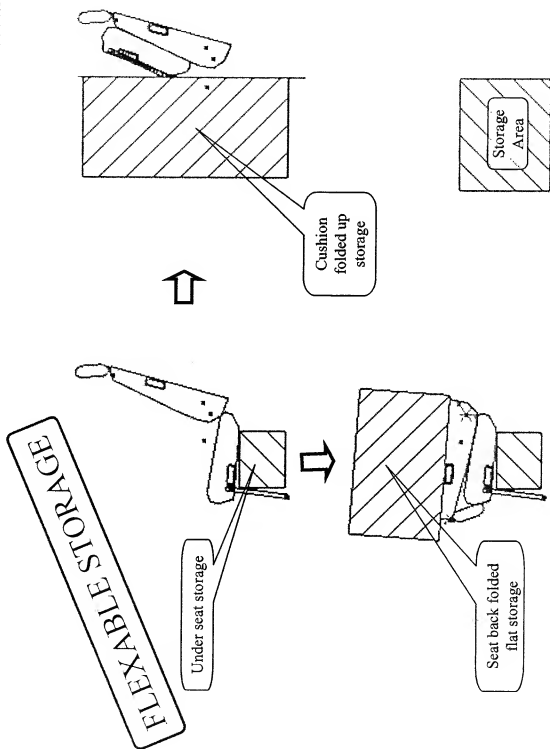
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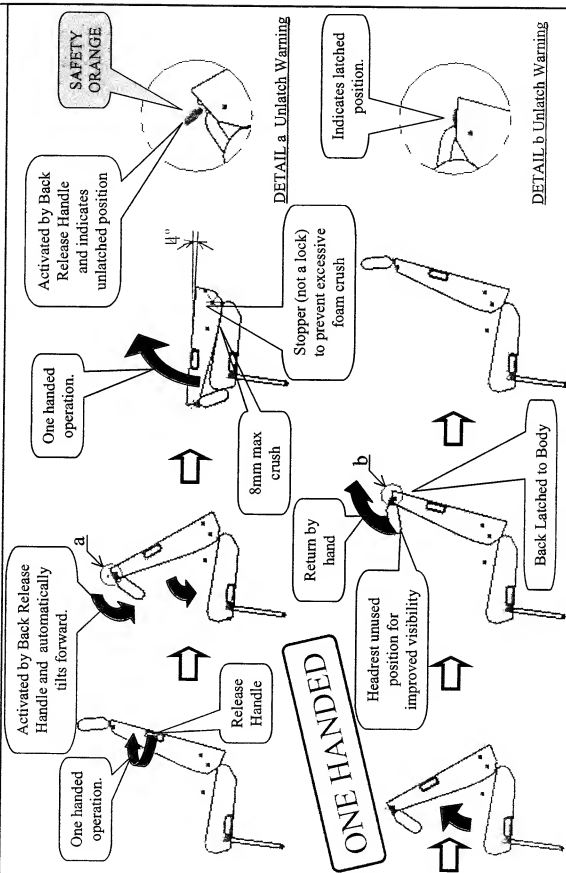
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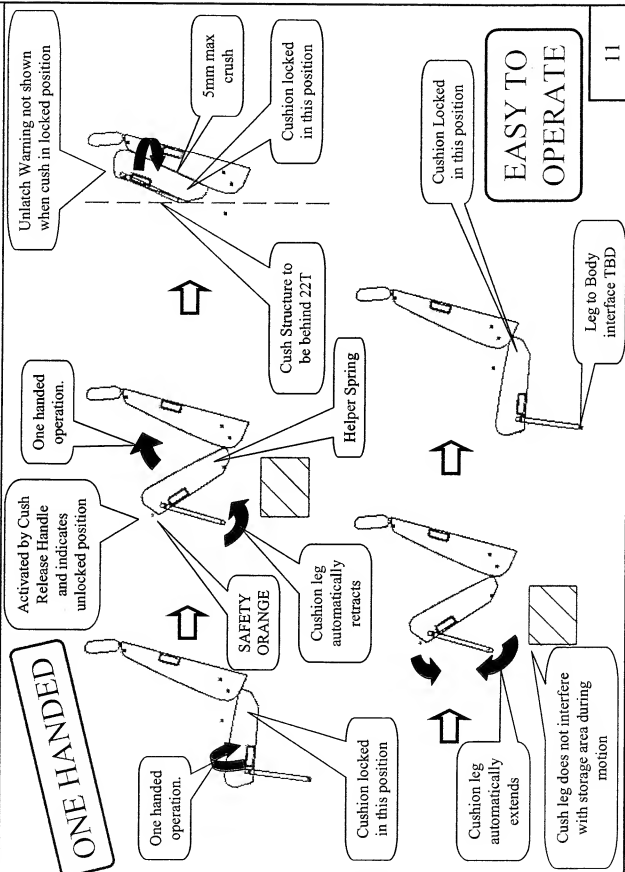
2 (c). RR SEAT FUNCTION (BACK OPERATION)



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2 (c). RR SEAT FUNCTION (CUSHION OPERATION)



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